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1. Dr. Wilhelm Külz, chairman of the LDP, recently conferred with representatives of the SMA in Karlshorst on the formation of a bourgeois unity party (LDP-CDU) in the Russian zone. Growing opposition within the LDP and the unified front presented by the CDU under the leadership of Jakob Kaiser, however, make any attempt at a basic change in party structure at the present time inadvisable; but a failure of the London Conference would considerably alter the situation, and plans are being made with an eye to this possibility.
2. The leader of the new unity party has not been chosen. Although the Russians intimated during the meeting with Külz that they intended to entrust him with the office, his loss of prestige in LDP circles and occurrences in the Berlin Landesverband and other Landesverbände of the LDP throughout the Russian Zone have apparently aroused some question as to the suitability of this selection. The statement of the SMA representatives to the effect that the future party leader must have had some experience in post-war German politics also precludes the possibility that Field Marshal Paulus may receive the appointment.
3. The SMA is displeased that the CDU did not take a stand against the Marshall Plan at its party convention and contends that by failing to avail itself of the opportunity to do so, it aligned itself with the western powers. Nevertheless, the SMA has determined not to take any direct action against Jakob Kaiser; rather, it will seek to undermine his position by the dissemination of propaganda to officials and members of the CDU in the Russian Zone.

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